

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ELAB CG  
SUBJECT: LABOR UNREST IN KINSHASA

REF: KINSHASA A-076

1. A STRIKE WHICH BEGAN IN ONE KINSHASA TEXTILE FIRM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1, HAS NOW ENGULFED THE TEXTILE SECTOR AND SPREAD TO THE BATA SHOE MANUFACTURER AND BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO. LABOR AGITATION WHICH MAY LEAD TO STRIKES HAS BEEN REPORTED AT FIVE OTHER FIRMS: TABAZAIRE, REGIDESO, RENAULT, VOLKSWAGEN, AND AIR ZAIRE.

2. ALTHOUGH THE STRIKERS' DEMANDS VARY AMONG FIRMS, THEIR COMMON DENOMINATOR IS PROTEST OVER STATIC WAGES IN THE FACE OF CONTINUOUSLY RISING PRICES. IN AN EFFORT TO ADHERE TO IMP STABILIZATION GUIDELINES, THE GOZ REPORTEDLY HAS INSTRUCTED THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO IMPOSE THE SAME WAGE FREEZE ALREADY APPLIED IN THEORY TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR. IF THE PREVIOUS ROUND OF LABOR UNREST IN KINSHASA LAST DECEMBER (REFAIR) IS ANY GUIDE. HOWEVER, THE GOZ IS GOING TO HAVE TROUBLE HOLDING THE LINE. GIVEN THE POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF A GOVERNMENT-LABOR CONFRONTATION AT THIS TIME, THE SITUATION

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## Message Attributes

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